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WILLIAM R. LIVESAY, ET AL.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MODIFICATION OF CHEMICALLY
AMPLIFIED PHOTORESIST BY ELECTRON BEAM EXPOSURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of this case, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the specification:

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On page 1, paragraph 1:

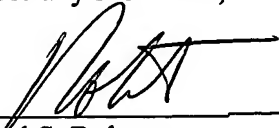
CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a (This application claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application
Serial Number 60/338,958, filed on December 7, 2001, which is incorporated herein by
reference.

REMARKS

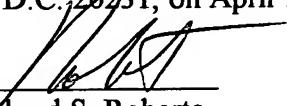
Entry of the above-identified specification amendment is requested prior to the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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